Remarks

Applicants affirm the oral election of claims 4 and 5, and have cancelled the non-elected claims 1-3 and 6-10 in the above amendment. The amendment also inserts the US patent number 6,655,130 at page 2 of the specification, and deletes the incorporation by reference thereof, as it appears that the application for that patent was filed after the present application.

The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Berger et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' claimed invention requires a "power generation system having . . . a fuel inlet in fluid communication with said reformer outlet". The claims further specify that the power generation system is "fueled at least partially by reformate provided by said fast light-off reformer". The Office Action states that Berger et al's power generation system is the engine shown in Figure 1 of the Berger et al patent. A close examination of Berger et al Figure 1, however, shows that the engine *does not have* a fuel inlet in fluid communication with the catalytic reactor as required by Applicants' claims. The arrows associated with the catalytic reactor inlets 12 shown in Figure 1 clearly show the flow direction going from the engine to the catalytic reactor. Thus, there is no fuel inlet for the power generation system in fluid connection with a reformer outlet that would provide reformate fuel for the power generation system, as required by Applicants' claims.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 4 and 5 as anticipated by Berger et al should be withdrawn. As the application otherwise appears to be in condition for allowance, Applicants request early action toward that end.

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